

St. Alphonsus Parish Update

April 7, 2024



First Witnesses

The Dove hovered over the stone,
And saw the angel roll it aside.
She softly called the flock,
To greet the Risen Lord.
Of all beasts created by His hand,
He loved His winged friends
the best, for they soar
and flit as the Spirit does,
Spreading Love.

As He stepped forth,
They rose and circled in
A rising chorus of praise.
He raised His hand to
Thank them for their welcome.
Turning his face into the
morning breeze ,
He breathed deeply of the
Father's air of Rising.

He smiled and said,
"Go ahead my friends,
Fly, fly,
To Galilee,
And gather my brothers,
For we must begin
the New Creation."

In all creation
Every beast, and fish and
Bird. Even the very earth
And all the great orbs of
The universe exist,
And in that ,
live to give witness and
praise to their creator.
And we,
His great creation,
Are we the
New Creation?
Let us fulfill our promise
And be Easter people

Hal B Studholme 2024



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Long time parishioner, Hal Studholme passed away on Easter. This poem is from an Easter email Hal sent to friends the afternoon before he died.



Catechesis of the Neocatechumenal Way - Starting April 8 and 9, 2024

Since the pandemic many aspects of our lives have changed drastically. Maybe we feel even more alone; we feel less valued; we feel limited; we feel more vulnerable. Where is love? In the middle of your questions and struggles, God wants to meet with you. Do not be afraid, the Lord is with you. Come listen to words of life and encouragement . . .

- at St. Alphonsus (315, Munroe Avenue) every Monday and Thursday at 7 pm starting April 8.
- at St. Gerard (45, Foster Street) every Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 pm starting April 9

Archbishop LeGatt's 2024 Easter Message

In his 2024 [Easter message](#), Archbishop Albert reflects on the relentless and never-ending hope born out of the cross and resurrection of Christ. Indeed, the temptation to despair may be all too strong upon learning about various tragedies befalling our world, both globally, and locally. Yet, in this Easter tide, Archbishop Albert implores us to reflect and deeply pray on what hope can mean for us today. How can we incarnate hope, concretely, for the world around us? What is joy brought to others, and what is peace for the hearts of all? We all have a part to play, together, comprising one body, invaluable members of the body of Christ. He is risen, Truly, he is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Help Needed

We currently have 6 people who volunteer to count the collection. There is a need for more help with this volunteer task. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office. Training is provided.

Raffle Tickets - The Knight of Columbus are selling raffle tickets for their Intercouncil car draw. If you would like to buy (\$5.00 ea. or 3 for \$10.00) contact Brian Sellner @ 204-663-6459.

Cinema Divina –

viewing movies through the eyes of Scripture and Tradition. Sunday, April 14 at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave. 6:00 pm – Potluck supper, 7:00 pm – Movie. This month’s selection – Sister Act. Contact cinemadivinahe@gmail.com or 204-881-3150.

Prayer Intention for April, 2024

For the role of women –

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Important Dates to Mark in Your Calendars !

Here are the dates for families whose children are preparing for the Sacraments at St Alphonsus.

- First Reconciliation - Saturday, May 4 at 10.30 in the church.
- First Communion is Sunday, June 2 at 2 pm.
- Confirmation on Sunday, May 26 at 3 pm. Confirmation candidates visit with Archbishop Albert LeGatt is Saturday, April 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We encourage arrival at least 15 minutes before to settle in. All candidates visiting the Archbishop must be accompanied.

Camp Ephphata “Be Open” – Young Adult Retreat

The Young Adult Ministry of Mary, Mother of the Church invites all young adults ages 18+ for our Annual Young Adult Retreat. Ephphata invites you to a weekend Retreat of prayer, fellowship and encounter to find Gods’ voice and how we can meaningfully pursue Gods’ will in our lives. The Retreat will take place at the scenic Camp Nutimik, Whitemouth, Manitoba from Friday, May 3-Sunday May 5, 2024. Cost is \$170 and covers all accommodations. Click here for more details and to register. [Camp Ephphata "Be Open" - Young Adult Retreat 2024](#) - Mary Mother of the Church - Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Manitoba (mmoc.ca) Registration is first-come-first-serve and closes on April 17, or until reached capacity. Questions? Please contact Jason Cegayle, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leader of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish at youth@mmoc.ca

<i>Thank You for Your Contributions</i>		<i>Thank You for Your Contributions</i>	
March 28 - 31, 2024		March 23 & 24, 2024	
Regular donations	\$ 6019.30	Regular donations	\$ 6048.95
Online donations	\$ 1065.00	Online donations	\$ 20.00
Building fund donations	\$ 2896.75	Building fund donations	\$ 2354.75
Online building fund donations	\$ 215.00	Online building fund donations	\$ 210.00
Easter Offering	\$ 3260.00		
Holy Thursday	\$ 1225.00		
Total to the Parish	\$14,681.05	Total to the Parish	\$ 8633.70
<i>Donations which leave the parish -</i>		<i>Donations which leave the parish -</i>	
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land - \$1710.00		Development and Peace - \$95.00	
		School Support - \$5.00	
		Catholic Missions - \$5.00	
		Needs of the Church in the Holy Land - \$30.00	

Mass Times

Mass Schedule

Saturday evening 5 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am
Tuesday to Friday 8 am
Saturday 9 am

Adoration

First Friday of the month
8.30 am to 3 pm

Divine Mercy at 3 pm
followed by Vespers

Reconciliation

Confession is available Saturdays
at 4.30 pm before the 5 pm mass
or by appointment. To arrange for
Confession, please call Father Greg at
204-782-3135.

Baptism

Please see Father Greg after Mass
or contact the office.

Marriage

Please contact the office to make
an appointment with Fr. Greg.
Please contact us at least 6 months
prior to the wedding date.

Contact Information

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Bulletin submissions deadline is
Monday at 4 pm.

Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday:
8.30 am to 11.30
& 1 pm to 4.30 pm
The office is closed on Friday.

Staff:

Pastor: Fr Greg Mulligan
Parish Office: Maria Cox
Catechetics: Fr Greg Mulligan
Caretaker: Ernesto Samiana
Bookkeeper: Maria Lei Domingo

Three Canadian priests to participate in Synod's International Meeting of Priest in Rome

The Holy See announced a world-wide meeting of priests as part of the Synod on Synodality to be held this spring in Rome. Three hundred priests, sent by the Bishops' Conferences and the Oriental Catholic Churches, will participate in a global meeting of listening, prayer and discernment, entitled: "Parish Priests for the Synod: An International Meeting," to be held on April 28-May 2.

At the request of the Holy See, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) was asked to submit a list of priests who have been involved in promoting synodality in their local parishes in order to send to the meeting. The Permanent Council of the CCCC selected the following three priests to represent Canada: Rev. Fabio DeSouza Diocese of Calgary Pastor, Our Lady of Fatima Parish Rev. Pierre Ducharme, O.F.M. Diocese of Vancouver Pastoral, St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Richmond Rev. Daniel Ouellet Diocese of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière Pastor, priest-moderator of the Unité Missionnaire de l'Ouest of the diocese of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière.

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